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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Neal Kenneth Allen, DOB 11/12/1948, of West Bend, Wisconsin, was sentenced yesterday U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 26 months in prison, to be followed by a three-year term of supervised release, and full restitution of \$363,038.47, for defrauding the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. Allen previously pleaded guilty to the charge on March 13, 2006.

Allen operated Enviromedic Associates, Enviromedic Associates, LLC, and Ken Allen & Associates, LLC, and held himself out to be an expert on the issue of toxic mold who could test and provide expert testimony on toxic mold. Specifically: (1) he falsely described himself as a former Deputy Director at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); (2) falsely claimed that he had been the Director of the largest USDA lab in Washington, D.C. ; and (3) falsely claimed he did work for the Department of Defense in the field of bio-warfare and that he received his B.S. degree, summa cum laude, and his M.S. degree from Ohio State University.

Based upon the false claims, the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians hired him to consult with them on a suspected mold problem on the reservation. The tribe entered into two contracts with Allen and his company to do

testing and remediation work for \$284,480. In addition, Allen failed to pay Aerotech Laboratories, of Phoenix, Arizona, \$71,345 for the work they performed for him in relation to the contract with the tribe. The Court ordered Allen to repay as part of his restitution.

After entering into the contracts, Allen fled the United States to the Dominican Republic in January 2003 and changed his identity. He was arrested in Puerto Rico on December 5, 2005.

The charge against Allen was the result of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of the Inspector General. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter M. Jarosz.

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